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OUR HEIDELBERG CLASS

In the fall of 1916 a few of the younger ladies thought it time to have a class of young married ladies exclusively. The idea was received with such enthusiasm that everybody wondered why it was not taken up a long time before. After considerable urging, Mrs. Frank More was obtained as a teacher, and a fine and capable teacher she has proved to be. The first business meeting was held on November 15, 1916, and there was then perfected the organization of the Heidelberg Class. The young ladies took as their motto, "That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." There were sixteen charter members enrolled, and the following were elected officers: Mrs. D. F. Knott, president; Mrs. J. W. Brewer, vice-president; Mrs.

H. E. Metzner, secretary, and Mrs. Benton, treasurer. Since then the class has grown until it now has twenty-six members, and most all are active. The class treasury is generally full, notwithstanding that contributions by the class to various needs of the church have been very liberal. Bake-sales, entertainments, etc., given by the class have been very successful, and the older ladies of the church are indeed very grateful for the aid of the Heidelberg Class in the work of Grace Church. There are a number of young married ladies in the church who are not now in this class and who ought to be in the class, and to all those the "Heidelbergers" extend a cordial welcome.

A POETICAL PICNIC

The Heidelberg Class, as some of you know,
Decided to Robison Park they would go.

August seventeenth was set for the date—

They were to go early and stay very late.

Fifty-seven of us sat down to lunch,
And we certainly were some jolly bunch—

Everybody was there: the fat and the small,

The short and the lean, their husbands and all.

Our teacher and family at the head of the table

Tried to keep us quiet (you know she is able).

And, oh, the good chicken that some of us ate,

And the baked beans not seen on anyone's plate!

If you want to know more of the beans that we had,

Better ask the men—they wanted them bad.

And don't forget the coffee the class gave to us all—

The lean, lank and hungry, the short and the tall.

And if you were out there and happened to pass,

You would surely want to join the Heidelberg Class.

Mrs. W. F. Close.

"The Heidelberg Class is a Sociable Class"

A LUCKY UNLUCKY DAY

One would hardly think that anything undertaken on Friday the 13th day of the month would turn out well, but leave it to the Heidelberg Class to make Friday the 13th its big day of good luck. They did dare to turn out on that day and perhaps you don't know it but they did succeed in washing all the pews in the church auditorium—main floor and balcony. Result—the men may now wear their palm beach suits and the ladies their best goto-meeting clothes in comfort. At noon was the happy time, when they all sat down to a lunch that couldn't be rivaled, especially Mrs. Benton's coffee. At 2:30 o'clock they had a business meeting and voted \$25.00 to the fund to be raised on Giving Sunday. It was a tired and work-worn but a very well satisfied crowd that went home that evening. It had been a lucky day for Grace Church, and who will now dare to say that Friday the 13th is always unlucky?

HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler spent the week of Friday 7th at Tri-Lake.

Mrs. Clippinger and daughter Katherine are visiting at Lima, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton and daughter spent one week at Crooked Lake.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bitner on the advent of a baby boy.

The September business meeting will be held on Friday, the 14th, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Close, in Penn Place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer and Mr. and Mrs. Disler and families have returned from a stay of one week at Shriner Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close spent two weeks at Rome City. While there they had as their guests for two days, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Close and daughter Katherine.

"Life indeed must be measured by thought and action, not by time."

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

(From May "Outlook of Missions.")
 There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
 Just two kinds of people, no more, I say,
 Not the saint and the sinner, for 'tis well understood
 The good are half bad and the bad are half good;
 Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth
 You must know first the state of his conscience and health;
 Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
 Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;
 Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years
 Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.
 No! the two kinds of people on earth that I mean
 Are the people who lift and the people who lean.
 Where'er you go you will find the world's masses
 Are always divided in just these two classes:
 And, oddly enough, you find, too, I ween,
 There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
 In what class are you? Are you easing the load
 Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
 Or are you a leaner who lets others bear
 Your portion of labor and worry and care? —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
 Read and study carefully, then decide what class you are in.

In the absence of the pastor on his vacation, the pulpit was occupied successively by Rev. Winter, of the Reformed Orphans' Home; Mr. Earl Dinger, and Mr. Arthur Weiler. Each of these brothers preached very excellent sermons.

COMMUNION DAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The regular Fall Communion Service will be held Sunday morning, September 9th, at 10:45 o'clock. If need be a second service will be held in the evening for the benefit of those who cannot attend in the morning. It is hoped and expected that every member of Grace Church will arrange to attend this Communion Service.

MISS KLOPFENSTEIN WITH US

On this day, September 2nd, Grace Church has the honor and privilege of meeting Miss Rilla Klopfenstein, who has for some time been engaged in missionary work in Africa. Miss Klopfenstein comes from a land that we Reformed folks are not well acquainted with. The work of our church has been centered largely on China and Japan, and the work in those lands is fairly well known to us, but the work in other lands is equally as important and we are glad for the message this sister brings us. May the Lord richly bless her for all her work!

CHURCH BREVITIES

Mrs. Straub has been visiting in Bellevue, O.

Mrs. Gooley and family are enjoying a new Ford.

Miss Hazel Gooley spent Sunday, Aug. 26th, at Huntington.

Mrs. Saffen, of E. Jefferson street, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

Mrs. Meta Gart, the pastor's sister, was a Grace Church visitor recently.

Supt. Close and family have returned from a pleasant vacation at Rome City.

Mrs. Earl Hagan is spending a vacation of four weeks at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gumper and family are at their summer home at Lake Wawasee.

Mrs. Ellen Weikert is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. E. Chausse, and family.

Misses Esther and Helen Fisher, of the Altruists Class, are on the sick list. Hope to see them in the class soon.

RALLY DAY COMING

Plans for Rally Day are already being made. The officers and teachers of the Sunday School held a meeting for that purpose on Friday evening, August 31st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shiffer, 3015 South Harrison street. It is hoped that Rally Day, 1917, will far surpass any previous Rally Day in attendance, enthusiasm and putting into motion a great winter's work. As now anticipated, Rally Day will be the first Sunday in October—only a few Sundays away—so will everyone please get busy and help to make it a great big success?

THE ROLL OF HONOR

(Continued from August Visitor.)

\$32.50—Mrs. Kate Certia.

\$10.00—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Knott.

\$5.00—C. Rogers, J. Quinn, Mesdames J. W. Shiffer and Wm. Benninghoff, Robt. Bitner, Geo. Ulmer, W. F. Close, Mrs. F. R. Dinger, F. A. Thompson, C. E. Crum.

\$3.00—E. E. Payne (additional).

\$2.00—Mrs. Wagner.

\$1.00—Mrs. Kronmiller.

The special committee appointed for Giving Day has divided the city into sections and will call upon those who have not responded, giving them an opportunity of contributing to this important fund.

Mrs. J. R. Bitner and Miss Lulu Bitner have been spending a few days in Elkhart, Indiana.

Miss Elizabeth Laur, of the Progreda Class, spent her vacation with her parents in Huntington, Ind.

Mrs. Sarah Knight and her sister, Mrs. Lavina Parker, spent a few days at Winona Lake recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aiken and Miss Mildred Wertman spent a week recently at Crooked Lake.

Mrs. Rev. Meyer has returned to her home in Lowell, Wis., after several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. H. Pentz.

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A CLASS OF WORKERS

If anyone tells you that the young ladies of our church cease to do church work after they assume the duties of looking after a home, don't you ever believe it. Witness the wide-awake, active Heidelberg Class. During the past few months the young ladies of this class—young, both in years and spirits—have been setting the pace for the entire Sunday School. They have boosted the attendance, increased the offering, and even obliged one other class—we won't say which class—to move, as they needed the room to accommodate new members. This is fine, and the Visitor is proud of their showing in this month's issue. They are a class of workers, in the real sense of the word. One day they all met at the church and spent the entire day in washing the church-pews. Suppose the church at large doesn't know this, but it is an actual fact. Then they are also talented—good at getting up picnics, writing poetry, etc. In short, they are some class, and we are glad to own them.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has been removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Long, on Columbia avenue. She will be glad to see any of the people of Grace church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bitner are the happy parents of a fine baby boy—James Andrew—born August 9th. The Visitor and members of Grace Church extend congratulations.

Now while an open space exists across the street from the church someone should take advantage of it and take a picture of Grace Church that will be a credit to it. There will soon be a building erected in the open space and then it will be too late. Will someone attend to doing it?

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metzner and children have just returned from a trip to Duluth and Mackinac Island and other points of interest.

Grace Church will always give Rev. Reemsnyder, of Bluffton, a cordial welcome. Much gratitude is felt for his recent efficient service.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Benninghoff are spending their vacation visiting Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan points in their automobile.

Mrs. Rudisill has kindly donated the beautiful flowers for the church services the last two Sundays. The Flower Committee sent them to the sick and aged members of the church.

The quartet choir is planning for a musical evening on Sunday evening, September 19th. It is hoped that the members of Grace Church will show their deep appreciation through a large attendance.

THE LADIES' WORK

The outing of the W. M. S. at Robison Park was an enjoyable and a successful event.

The Doremus Guild will meet the first Thursday in October. Every member is asked to be present. Business of importance is to be attended to.

The Women's Monthly Missionary Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bitner, 519 E. Lewis street, Sept. 20th. Everyone is asked to be present.

The Mary B. Hoy Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. Leikauf on Washington boulevard East Monday evening, Aug. 6th. Miss Lulu Bitner had charge of the devotions and Miss Bertha Weikert gave an interesting talk on the lesson.

The Social Afternoon for September will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl Kessler, No. 3128 Thompson avenue. The committee in charge will be Mrs. Henry Kesler, chairman, and Mesdames Carl Kessler, Quinn, Aiken, J. R. Bitner, Knott, Druckenbrod, Geo. Shiffer, J. W. Shiffer and Wm. Benninghoff.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

W. F. Close, Supt.

The Superintendent and Mrs. Close spent Sunday, August 26th, in Chicago visiting with Raymond Close.

The attendance and interest this summer is most gratifying; it will do you good to come and see the Sunday School in session.

Mr. George Shiffer had charge of the Sunday School during the absence of Supt. Close. He also conducted the Prayer Meetings during the pastor's absence.

There are a few classes who have not contributed to the Children's Endowment Fund. We hope they will do so, as our school is anxious to make the best possible report.

We are greatly encouraged to see so many visitors in our school. Do not forget to invite your friends to our services and then see that their attendance is reported to the secretary.

The Primary Class has been well attended during the summer months. The little folks are eager to learn of God and His Son Jesus. God bless all the children of this department.

The **On Time Spirit** is spreading, and it is very gratifying to see so many in their places so that we can begin just at 9:30 and thus not crowd our service at the closing hour. Come—be on time if you can, but on time or late—**COME**.

Through some misunderstanding of the publishers, our order for "What To Do" has not been filed for July. We have written for back numbers and hope to be able to get them. In the meantime the Junior Classes have been supplied with the other publications.

Visitors are always welcome and we are glad to see the unusually large number in the various classes. If you are entertaining friends or relatives, don't stay home to "cook for company," but bring them with you; they will enjoy it and so will we. So bring your friends and neighbors—visitors often become members.

What about new scholars for our classes? First of all, we want more of our church members in the Sunday School, and then we are anxious to have you invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. If they are not members elsewhere, urge them to join with us. Let us not overlook this important part of our duty.

Little four-year-old Eleanor Baldwin, of the Primary Room, met with a severe accident while automobile riding several weeks ago, breaking the right leg. She has been in St. Joseph's hospital, but is getting along nicely and her parents intend to remove her to her home on Spy Run avenue this coming week.

The Superintendent and family spent two weeks at Rome City and had the pleasure of attending the M. E. and Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools while there. We find they have even a harder time than the city schools in keeping the scholars in Sunday School during the summer season.

The interest in the Sunday School has been holding up exceptionally well during the summer months. We now come to the season of the year when we expect to renew activities after the vacation season; school begins on the 4th of this month and our families will be back home and we trust they will get back to Sunday School. We expect to do some big things for our school this winter and must have everyone's help.

Judging by the absence of news of some of the Sunday School classes, these particular classes are not doing much. Of course, they will not like to hear this, but if they want us to think otherwise they should hand in their news. For the first few numbers of the Visitor the reporters did well—now they are not doing so well. We are sure that is not because there is nothing going on, so we hope that next month's Visitor will be overflowing with Sunday School class news.

PROGREDA ECHOES

To lie quietly on a bed of down may seem a very sweet existence, but pleasant ease and rest are not the lot of a Christian. If he would mount higher and higher it must be on a rough road.

Vacation days will soon be over. Let us all be present at our next class meeting.

The Progreda Class has a missionary plate at its class meeting. Save your pennies and bring them to each meeting.

Miss Elsie Weikert entertained the Progreda Class at its last class meeting. Although the attendance was small, the girls report a good time.

Miss Hazel Gooley recently visited in Hammond, Chicago and Gary. She spent an afternoon at the First Reformed Mission in Gary and brings us the following report: The mission was started seven years ago. Rev. Johnson makes you feel welcome the moment you meet him. He has been pastor of the church five years. The mission is situated in a district eighty-five per cent foreign, and most of the work is done among Hungarians. Gary is now a city of 65,000 people, and has attained this size all within ten years. We had the privilege of seeing the plans for the new church-building that is already being erected, and when finished it will no doubt be very pretty.

THE ZWINGLY CLASS

The ladies of this class are wondering what has become of the Men's Bible Class. Have the men forgotten about it, or are they broke?

The business meeting of the class was held at the home of Mrs. Valentine Monn, on Parnell avenue, and a pleasant time was enjoyed. It was voted to have Mrs. T. P. Potts give a talk on Sunday School Work at our next meeting, Sept. 25th. There will be a Sunday School campaign in Fort Wayne during the month of October. Every woman in the church ought to be interested in this campaign. Meet with us once and you will come again.

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C. E. TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

2nd.—My Favorite Hymn (Tell Why). Ps. 33: 1-22. Prayer meeting committee. (A musical consecration meeting.)

9th.—Are You a "Yes, but—?" (A lesson on excuses.) Ex. 4: 1-17. Rev. Schaaf.

16th.—A Christian's Power. Acts 1: 1-8. Mrs. E. Baumgartner.

23rd.—How We Should Work Together. John 17: 20-26. Esther Bitner, Mabel Weikert.

30th.—Home Mission Work Among Immigrants. Ps. 67: 1-7. Evelyn Aiken.

The flower committee ask the church members to bring flowers for the church services and they will be given to the sick and aged members of the church.

The Christian Endeavorers enjoyed a picnic supper at Robinson park Tuesday evening, August 14th. Everyone present enjoyed a fine supper and had a good time.

Rev. Yonsen, of Wisconsin, gave an interesting talk at the Christian Endeavor service Sunday evening, Aug. 19th. All present enjoyed hearing his remarks on the Christian Endeavor topic.

The monthly business and social meeting of the C. E. Society will be held at the home of the Misses Weikert, 1216 Clark street, on Tuesday evening, September 11th. All the young people of the church are invited.

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